



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Ben Lomond Training Center Upgrade Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions T9S, R3W, Rancho San Vicente, MDBM	COUNTY	Santa Cruz
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The training center upgrade project will consist of several improvements expected to take place over the next two years. All of the improvements will take place within the footprint of the existing training center. No disturbance will occur in undeveloped areas; each improvement will occur either on previously graded, rocked, and/or disked/ripped surfaces. The following is a description of each upgrade:

- Installation of two (2) 100ft. x 25ft. cement slabs adjacent to the current burn building slabs.
- Installation of one (1) 40ft. x 30ft. cement slab adjacent to the hydrant east of the burn building.
- Installation of one (1) 20ft. x 24ft. Romtec Pre-Engineered Bathroom in a rocked area located between several existing buildings, south of the burn building. Cement walkways will be constructed linking the restroom with the adjacent buildings. Additionally, minor trenching will take place to connect the restroom's utilities with those serving the adjacent buildings.
- Placement of up to 3-6 inches of base rock on exiting rocked roads and parking area (approximately 1 acre total).

Any excavated material that is not backfilled and restored to original grade as a result of the improvements described above will be distributed in low areas of existing roads and parking lots at the facility; or piled behind the burn building in a previously disturbed grassy area.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 3 §15301 Existing Facilities &  
§15303 New Construction of Small Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

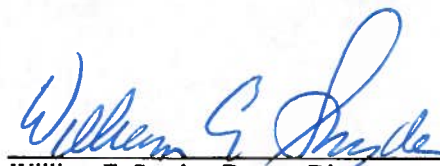
This project is consistent with the Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Title 14 CCR §15301 – Existing Facilities) and Class 3 Categorical Exemption (Title 14 CCR §15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). The re-rocking of existing roads and installation of cement slabs are consistent with Class 1; “minor alteration of existing ... facilities... involving negligible or no expansion.” The construction of the restroom is consistent with Class 3; “construction... of new, small facilities or structures.” Field review by CAL FIRE staff, or their designee, confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems as a result of implementing this project as described. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit Headquarters, 6059 HWY 9, Felton, California 95018.

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